

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:
a game result display device for displaying a game result thereon; and
a beneficial state generating device for generating a beneficial state for a
player when a predetermined game result is displayed on the game result display
device;

wherein the game result display device includes a first display device having a
plurality of symbol display parts capable of variably displaying and stopping plural
symbols, each of the symbol display parts having light transmittance, and a second
display device arranged in front of the first display device when seen from a front side
of the gaming machine, the second display device being constructed from a liquid
crystal display device including a liquid crystal panel, a light guide device constructed
from a transparent acrylic resin plate, the light guide device being arranged at a rear
side of the liquid crystal panel, individual illumination devices arranged at side edges
of the transparent acrylic resin plate of the light guide device for guiding light to the
light guide device and a reflection device for reflecting light guided to the light guide
device, and

wherein a common illumination device is provided, the common illumination
device including a front illumination device for illuminating the first display device from
a front side thereof and the liquid crystal panel from a rear side thereof and a rear
illumination device arranged within the first display device for illuminating the first
display device from a rear side thereof and the liquid crystal panel by light passed
through the symbol display parts .

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~
~~the liquid crystal display device further includes a light guide device arranged at a~~
~~rear side of the liquid crystal panel, an individual illumination device for guiding light~~

~~to the light guide device and a reflection device for reflecting light guided to the light guide device toward the liquid crystal panel positioned at a front side of the light guide device, and~~

wherein areas of the reflection device corresponding to the symbol display parts of the first display device are made as light transmitting parts so that the light passed through the symbol display parts reaches to the liquid crystal panel.

4. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 3, wherein the liquid crystal panel is set to normally white.

5. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 1, further comprising:

a game start instruction device which is operable by a player;

an internal winning combination determination device for determining an internal winning combination based on an output from the game start instruction device; and

a game result display control device for conducting display control of the game result display device based on a determined result by the internal winning combination determination device;

wherein the game result display control device turns off all illumination devices included in the common illumination device in a case that the internal winning combination determination device determines a predetermined combination as the internal winning combination.

6. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the illumination device included in the common illumination device is able to variably display the symbols.

7. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a plurality of mechanical reels each of which has a reel sheet having light transmittance and plural symbols formed thereon;

a first illumination device arranged within each reel;

a liquid crystal display device arranged in front of the reels, the liquid crystal display device having light transmitting areas each of which is disposed corresponding to each reel to see the symbols; and

a second illumination device arranged between the reels and the liquid crystal display device;

wherein the liquid crystal display device is provided with a liquid crystal panel, a light guide plate constructed from a transparent acrylic resin plate arranged between the liquid crystal panel and the second illumination device, third illumination devices arranged at side edges of the transparent acrylic resin plate of the light guide plate for guiding the light to the light guide plate, a reflection plate arranged between the light guide plate and the second illumination device;

wherein the first illumination device illuminates the symbols on the reel sheets from rear sides of the reels and the light transmitting areas on the liquid crystal display device by light passed through the reel sheets, and

wherein the second illumination device illuminates the symbols on the reel sheets from front sides of the reels and the liquid crystal display device.

8. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 7, wherein the liquid crystal display device is provided with:

a liquid crystal panel;

a light guide plate arranged between the liquid crystal panel and the second illumination device;

a third illumination device for guiding the light to the light guide plate;

a reflection plate arranged between the light guide plate and the second illumination device;

wherein the reflection plate has a reflection area for reflecting the light guided to the light guide plate by the third illumination device toward the liquid crystal panel

and the light transmitting areas for passing through the light from the first illumination device.

9. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 7, further comprising:

a processor for controlling the reels, the first illumination device and the second illumination device;

wherein the processor selects the symbols to be stopped and displayed, determines based on the selected symbols whether or not a symbol combination is won and stops the reels, and

wherein the processor turns off at least one of the first illumination device and the second illumination device if the processor determines that the symbol combination is won.

10. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 8, further comprising:

a processor for controlling the reels, the first illumination device, the second illumination device and the third illumination device;

wherein the processor selects the symbols to be stopped and displayed, determines based on the selected symbols whether or not a symbol combination is won and stops the reels, and

wherein the processor turns off at least one of the first illumination device, the second illumination device and the third illumination device if the processor determines that the symbol combination is won.

11. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 7, wherein the first illumination device and the second illumination device functions as an illumination device to illuminate the symbols on the reel sheets if liquid crystal in the light transmitting areas of the liquid crystal display device is not driven, and

wherein the first illumination device and the second illumination device functions as an illumination device to illuminate the liquid crystal display device if the liquid crystal in the light transmitting areas of the liquid crystal display device is driven.

12. (New) A gaming machine comprising:
a game result display device for displaying a game result thereon; and
a beneficial state generating device for generating a beneficial state for a player when a predetermined game result is displayed on the game result display device;

wherein the game result display device includes a first display device having a plurality of symbol display parts capable of variably displaying and stopping plural symbols, each of the symbol display parts having light transmittance, and a second display device arranged in front of the first display device when seen from a front side of the gaming machine, the second display device being constructed from a liquid crystal display device including a liquid crystal panel, the liquid crystal panel having a plurality of symbol display areas corresponding to forward-most ones of the plurality of the symbol display parts of the first display device for selectively viewing the forward-most ones of the plurality of the symbol display parts through the plurality of symbol display areas, and

wherein a common illumination device is provided, the common illumination device including a front illumination device for illuminating the first display device from a front side thereof and the liquid crystal panel from a rear side thereof and a rear illumination device arranged within the first display device for illuminating the first display device from a rear side thereof and the liquid crystal panel by light passed through the symbol display parts, the rear illumination device including a plurality of matrices of LED's, each matrix of LED's arranged in a plurality of rows of LED's and a plurality of columns of LED's, a respective matrix of LED's sized to correspond to a respective one of the plurality of symbol display areas of the liquid crystal panel and respective ones the forward-most ones of the plurality of the symbol display parts of

the first display device associated with the respective one of the plurality of symbol display areas.

13. (New) A gaming machine comprising:

a plurality of mechanical reels each of which has a reel sheet having light transmittance and a plurality of symbols formed thereon;

a plurality of first illumination devices, a respective one of the plurality of first illumination devices being arranged within a respective one of the plurality of mechanical reels;

a liquid crystal display device arranged in front of the plurality of mechanical reels, the liquid crystal display device including a liquid crystal panel having a plurality of light transmitting areas, a respective one of the plurality of light transmitting areas corresponding to respective forward-most ones of the plurality of symbols; and

a second illumination device arranged between the reels and the liquid crystal display device;

wherein the first illumination device illuminates the symbols on the reel sheets from rear sides of the reels and the light transmitting areas on the liquid crystal display device by light passed through the reel sheets, wherein the second illumination device illuminates the symbols on the reel sheets from front sides of the reels and the liquid crystal display device, and

wherein each first illumination device includes a matrix of LED's arranged in a plurality of rows of LED's and a plurality of columns of LED's, the matrix of LED's sized to correspond to a respective one of the plurality of light transmitting areas of the liquid crystal panel and respective ones the forward-most ones of the plurality of symbols associated with the respective one of the plurality of light transmitting areas.

14. (New) A gaming machine comprising:

a game result display device for displaying a game result; and

a beneficial state generating device for generating a beneficial state advantages for a player when a predetermined game result is displayed on the

game result display device,

wherein the game result display device includes a first display device and a second display device arranged in front of a display area of the first display device when seen from a front side of the gaming machine, the second display device for displaying by superimposing on the first display device,

wherein a common illumination device is provided for illuminating the first display device and the second display device in common,

wherein the common illumination device includes a front illumination device for illuminating the first display device from a front side thereof and a rear illumination device for illuminating the first display device from a rear side thereof,

wherein the first display device includes a plurality of symbol display parts capable of variably displaying and stopping a single one or plural symbols, each of the plurality of symbol display parts being positioned between the second display device and the common illumination device and having light transmittance,

wherein the second display device is constructed from a liquid crystal display device including a light guide device arranged over entire surface at a rear side of the liquid crystal panel, an individual illumination device for generating light to be guided to the light guide device and a reflection device for reflecting the light guided to the light guide device toward the liquid crystal panel positioned at a front side of the light guide device, and

wherein the reflection device includes a reflection area for reflecting light and a light transmission area provided in front of each of the plurality of symbol display parts, the light transmission area for transmitting light.